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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMANIS,
 STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
 CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.
 WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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DATE: MARCH 30, 1974

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN SITUATION

REF : EMB ADDIS ABABA 3526, 29 MARCH, CONFIDENTIAL

THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY ISSUED AN APPEAL FOR
 THE RELEASE OF 3 AMERICANS AND 2 CANADIANS WHO WERE CAPTURED
 BY INSURGENTS IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA ON MARCH 26. BAD WEATHER
 FORCED DOWN THEIR HELICOPTER WHILE ON A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
 FLIGHT FOR THE AMERICAN COMPANY, TENNECO. SO FAR NOTHING
 HAS BEEN HEARD FROM THE CAPTORS, AND TENNECO HAS WITHDRAWN
 A SEARCH PATROL IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF AN
 ARMED CONFRONTATION.

MEANWHILE, ADDIS ABABA AND OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN ETHIOPIA
 APPEAR CALM, BUT TENSION BETWEEN MODERATE AND RADICAL

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REFORMERS IN THE MILITARY REMAINS CLOSE TO THE SURFACE. THE MODERATES APPEAR TO HOLD THE UPPER HAND AND REACTED FAVORABLY BUT WITH SOME SKEPTICISM TO THE EMPEROR'S APPOINTMENT LATE LAST WEEK OF A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PRESENT AND FORMER OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS. E-2 IMPDET-H

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